



# Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Crops starting to show stress from the dry conditions benefited from rainfall in some areas of the state. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.85 inches, 0.13 inches below normal. The average temperature was 73.8 degrees, normal for this time of year. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending August 9. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 12 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 7 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Corn in the dough stage was at 67 percent, an increase of 21 percentage points over last week. Corn denting reached 17 percent, 2 percentage points ahead of last year but 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 89 percent, compared to 94 percent last year and the 5-year average of 93 percent. Soybeans setting pods was at 70 percent, an increase of 18 percentage points over last week. Soybean condition was rated 6 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Harvesting of oats is wrapping up at 95 percent complete. Pasture and range condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending August 9, 2015

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest .....	6.5	3	30	57	10	1	15	72	12
Northeast .....	7.0	-	10	87	3	-	7	84	9
West .....	6.4	-	1	89	10	-	2	83	15
Central .....	6.9	-	11	82	7	-	3	87	10
East .....	6.3	-	12	84	4	-	3	88	9
West Southwest .....	4.7	-	8	74	18	-	11	70	19
East Southeast .....	5.4	-	16	70	14	-	12	76	12
Southwest .....	5.1	-	6	64	30	-	4	67	29
Southeast .....	4.4	-	4	70	26	1	4	72	23
Illinois .....	5.9	-	12	76	12	-	7	79	14

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 9, 2015	August 2, 2015	August 9, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking .....	96	94	99	99
Corn dough .....	67	46	74	69
Corn denting .....	17	8	15	24
Soybeans blooming .....	89	82	94	93
Soybeans setting pods .....	70	52	77	71
Sorghum headed .....	60	47	75	73
Sorghum turning color .....	22	11	31	22
Oats harvested .....	95	71	88	93
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting .....	92	84	100	97
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	38	23	40	50

## Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending August 9, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	5	10	29	43	13
Soybeans .....	6	13	31	41	9
Sorghum .....	2	9	47	36	6
Pasture .....	1	4	23	56	16

## Crop Progress by District: Week Ending August 9, 2015

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking .....	98	94	100	97	98	98	93	99	90
Corn dough .....	67	36	71	69	73	69	69	78	76
Corn dented .....	39	-	8	9	10	22	9	31	27
Soybeans blooming .....	94	97	94	94	93	88	87	74	80
Soybeans setting pods .....	78	71	75	82	76	59	75	50	60

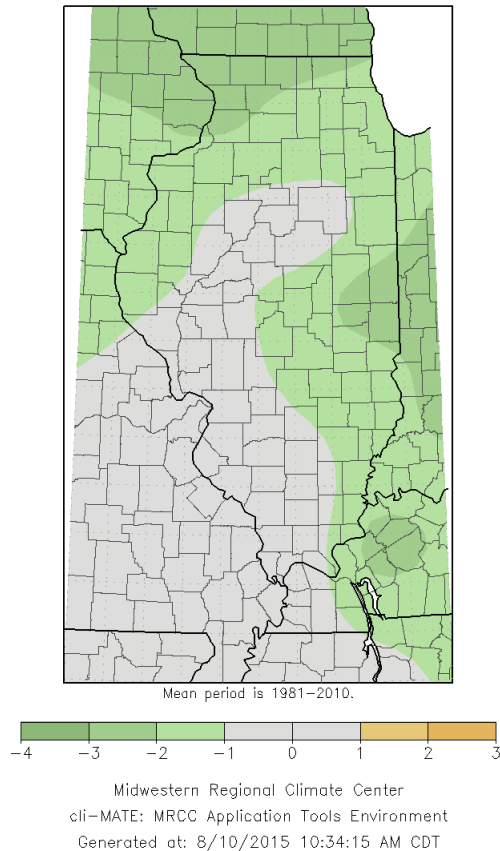
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## Weather Information: Week Ending August 9, 2015

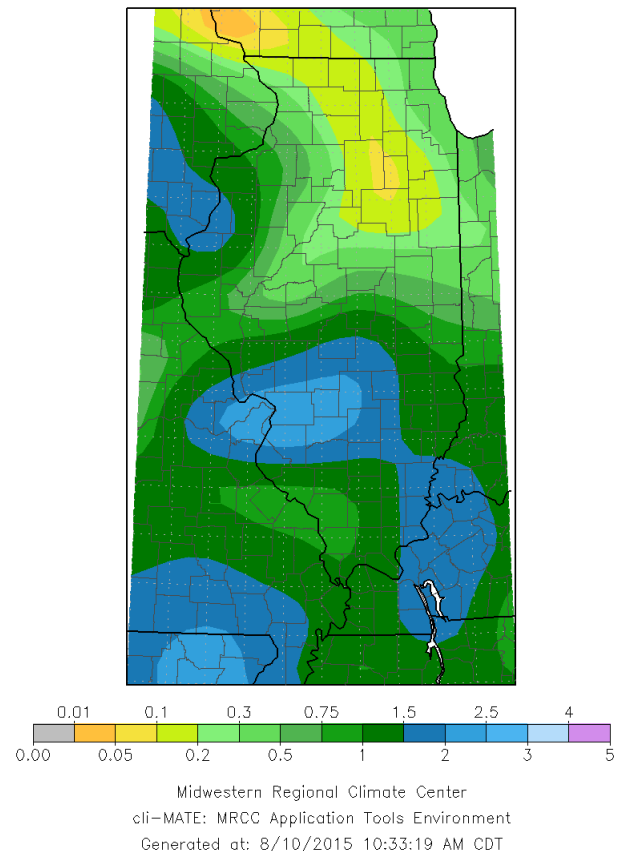
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest .....	70.9	-0.9	0.44	-0.68	1,835	-44
Northeast .....	71.6	-0.2	0.24	-0.81	1,814	-26
West .....	73.9	-0.1	1.16	0.13	2,075	23
Central .....	73.5	0.4	0.38	-0.65	2,061	54
East .....	72.1	-0.4	0.29	-0.67	2,028	47
West Southwest .....	75.5	0.8	1.31	0.46	2,190	70
East Southeast .....	74.3	-0.4	1.45	0.52	2,216	83
Southwest .....	77.3	1.1	1.03	0.11	2,362	156
Southeast .....	76.6	0.4	1.38	0.45	2,377	148
Illinois .....	73.8	0	0.85	-0.13	2,094	52

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean  
August 3, 2015 to August 9, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
August 3, 2015 to August 9, 2015



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